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Fontana Woman Charged with Auto Insurance Fraud

San Bernardino, CA - On October 14, 2008, Investigators from the San Bernardino District Attorney's Auto Insurance Fraud Unit arrested Fontana resident Maria Reynoso, 35, on an outstanding felony warrant for auto insurance fraud.

DA Investigators learned that in July 2007, Reynoso's husband was involved in a traffic accident in Fontana. He did not speak English and used his cell phone to call his wife to come to the scene and assist him. Reynoso arrived at the accident scene prior to the arrival of the Fontana Police. Reynoso's husband did not have a driver's license and he was not insured to drive his wife's vehicle. Reynoso told the police officer that she was driving and her husband was a passenger. The other driver had no knowledge that Reynoso had told the police she had been driving instead of her husband. The other driver thought she was interpreting for her husband who had been driving and was giving information to the police in order to help.

During the claims process the other driver discovered the false statements made by Reynoso. Geico investigators notified the District Attorney's Office and further investigation was conducted. The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office filed felony charges against Reynoso alleging that she gave false information to the police and that she falsified a claim with Geico.

Investigators transported Reynoso to the San Bernardino County's central jail for booking. She is being held on a \$25,000 bail.

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